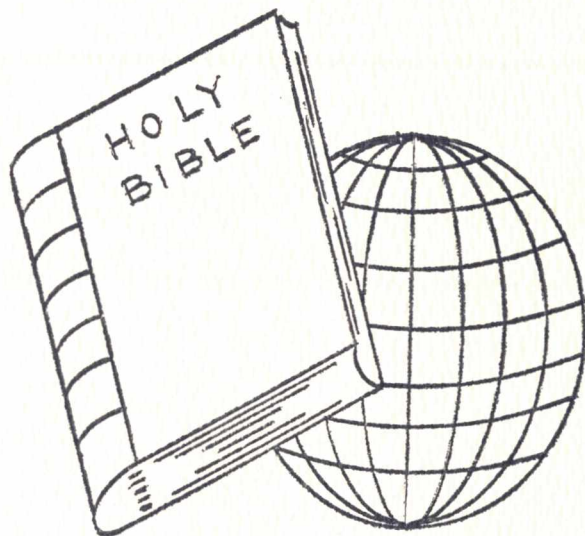


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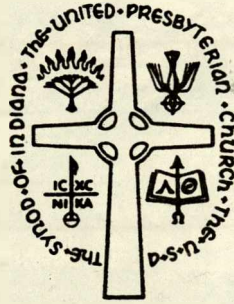
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SYMBOLS OF OUR FAITH



Celtic Cross:

Origin in earliest Christian times.

Found in Scotland, Wales, and Ireland

Attention is focused on the head by the circle, the most distinctive feature of the Celtic Cross, a sign of Christ's victory over sin and death.

Burning Bush:

Originated in Church of Scotland

Based on Exodus 3:2

Suggestive of Divine Fire that keeps life aglow with the light of truth. Signifies persecution of early Church.

The Dove:

One of the earliest symbols of the Holy Spirit

Reference -- Matthew 3:16

Dove head surrounded by tri-radiant nimbus.

Associated with persons of the Holy Trinity

The Cross and Orb:

The wavy line cross is called a Chiasm

It is identified with Christ on the cross

The Greek words mean, "Jesus Christ do thou conquer."

The bottom circle or orb is divided into three parts based on Acts 1:8

The Bible:

Opened showing Greek letters LAMBDA and THETA meaning "Word of God."

The arrow in the center connects the ALPHA and OMEGA based on Revelation 1:8 reminding us that many suffered death for the love of Christ.

Color Symbolism:

Blue -- background color, of special significance to Presbyterians, is found in the seal of the Church of Scotland.

Gold -- color of royalty. References: Matthew 2:11, Revelation 1:13

Red -- Chief theological color symbolizing Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Refers to blood, fire, and zeal.

White -- refers to the Glorified Christ. Revelation 1:14 signifies throne of God, light, purity, and joy.



Rev. and Mrs. Fred Brooks and Bruce Frost

FOREWORD

To attempt a centennial booklet is a task of great proportions. There are many people over the period of one hundred years who will remain the "unsung heroes" of our church because their names do not appear on the official roster. These were the "rank and file" members who did not teach a Sunday School class, serve on the session, trustees, or deacons. Yet they are among the ones who sustain a church and share in the responsibility for its growth. Some will remain the "unknown soldiers of Christ" whose names are in the "Book of Life" rather than our official records.

To the ones who have served in leadership down through the years, may Christ be praised that strength has prevailed over human weakness and unintentional error so that the Word has been preserved for us in this church.

The pages that follow represent the people of this community in their constant striving toward perfection through the Church of Jesus Christ. Our sources of information were: History of Lewis Township, by Asbury; History of Clay County, by Travis; Vincennes Historical Society, and the Session Minutes of our church. We have strived for accuracy and hope we have achieved it, but if there are errors -- we apologize!

Many thanks to all who have made the Centennial Celebration possible. Especially, a heart thanks to those whose labor has produced this Centennial Memorial.

Fred L. Brooks, Pastor

MINISTERS OF THE HOWESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1870 Samuel Ward	1916 E. C. Lindsay
1884 E. W. Fisk	1919 R. C. Hartman
1885 J. S. Robertson	1921 D. P. Gillis
1888 J. P. Fox	1924 W. H. Thompson
1895 D. Vandyke	1926 Alonzo Yates
1897 G. J. Donnel Montgomery May	1927 J. M. Stafford
1900 J. C. Wilson	1929 LeRoy J. Coats
1903 C. A. Price W. Bruce Doyle	1938 Ira Myers
1906 Johnson Smith Barrett	1942 Gordon Leech
1907 George Crabtree	1945 Willard Ellis
1910 T. W. Wells	1949 Roy Brumbaugh
1913 A. W. Higgins	1954 George C. Hitchcock
1915 I. M. Houser A. L. McDuffie (student)	1957 Jack Masters, Jr.
	1961 Fred L. Brooks



Jack R. Masters

The Ordination and Installation of Jack R. Masters took place at the Howesville Presbyterian Church the evening of May 29, 1958.

The meeting opened with song "The Church's One Foundation" and prayer was given by Rev. Hartfelter. Rev. Ira Meyers read the tenth chapter of Romans and followed with prayer.

An interlude of organ and piano music was given by Mrs. Lorene Pell and Mrs. Iris Peavey.

The message of the evening was given by Rev. Jack S. Masters.

The Constitutional Questions were given by Rev. Hartfelter followed by Laying On Of Hands with Rev. Victor Raphael, Rev. Stewart Hartfelter, Rev. Ira Meyers, Rev. Jack S. Masters and Rev. A. Kent Buser. The Prayer of Ordination and the Declaration of Ordination and Installation.

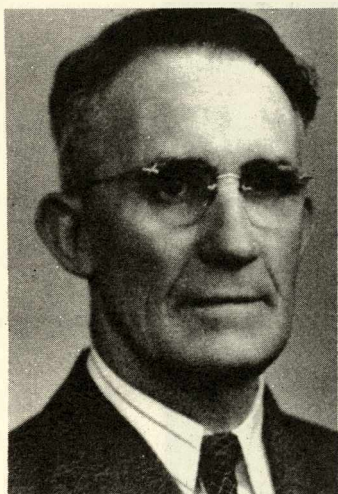
The Charge to Jack R. Masters, the minister, by Rev. Hartfelter.

The Charge to the Congregation by Rev. Buser.

Closing hymn "Lead On O King Eternal".

Benediction by Rev. Jack R. Masters.

Taken from the Session Minutes of the given date by Oscar Wolf, clerk.



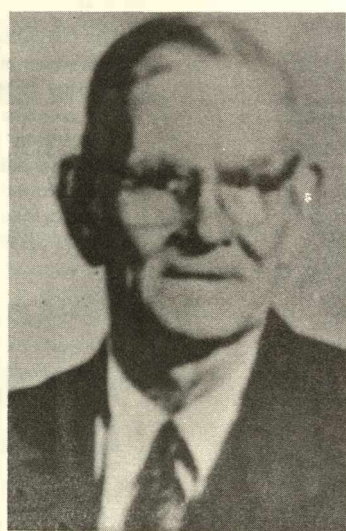
1924
W. H. Thompson



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1945
Willard Ellis



1949
Roy Brumbaugh

PRESENT CHURCH OFFICERS

ELDERS



Paul Wolf; Raymond Francis, (Clerk of Session;)
Joe Don Wise; Curtis Baker and Juanita Brooks.

TREASURER



Josie Wise

DEACONS



Bruce Frost, David Rector, John Salter, | David Bailey

TRUSTEES

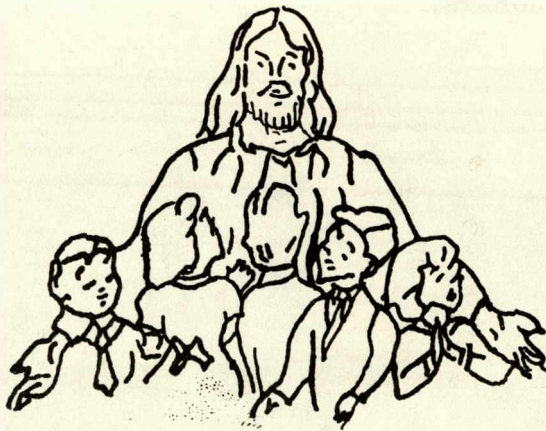


Clarence Wolf, Emil Laughlin, Max Wise

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS



Top row: Donna Rector, Ass't. Sec.; David Rector, Supt.; Ted Pell, Ass't. Supt.; Linda Bailey, Sec.,
Bottom row: Lorene Pell, Pianist; Olive Francis, Treas.; Jean Salter, Organist.



But Jesus called them unto him, and said,
Suffer little children to come unto me,
and forbid them not: for of such is the
kingdom of God. Luke 18:16

HISTORICAL PICTURES CONCERNING THE CHURCH

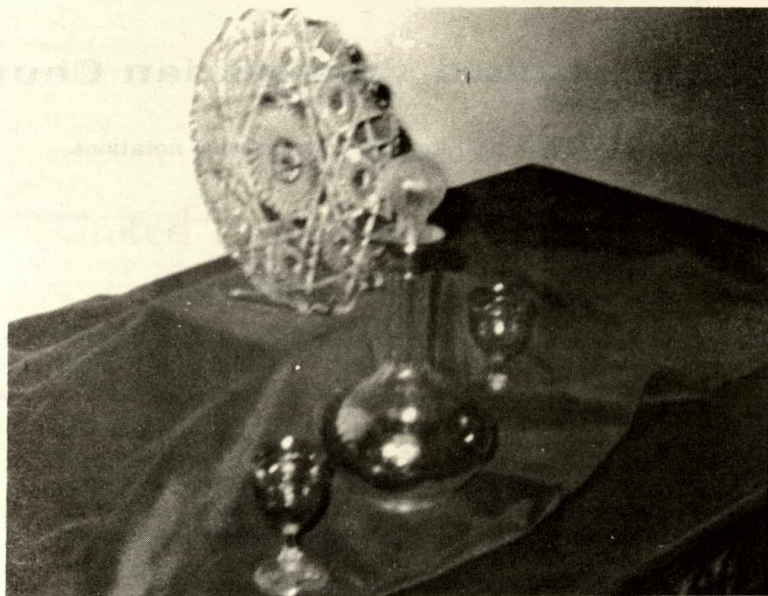


Artist's sketch of the first
HOWESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
by Gary Enstrom

The Church was built facing West on a half acre lot that had been purchased by the Trustees for fifty dollars.



1945



THE FIRST COMMUNION SERVICE

The bread plate is a beautiful original of pressed glass. The wine bottle and two goblets are of pressed crystal--the design being overlaid with gold. Naturally these pieces are cherished possessions of the Church.



The old bridge across Muir's Lake. The picture was taken from the place at the Lake where picnics, Church dinners and baptismal rites by immersion were held.

History of

Howesville United Presbyterian Church

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Howesville

United Presbyterian Church

Centennial 1870-1970

When our thoughts turn to the Howesville United Presbyterian Church, it is next to impossible to separate the Church from the Community as a whole—since this is the basis upon which our Church was founded!

Briefly, only a few high points of the area will be listed. By charter, England granted to Virginia the territory comprising the present states of Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. In 1776, Virginia organized all this territory into the County of Kentucky, thereby embracing what is now Howesville in the County of Kentucky. In 1800, the territory northwest of the Ohio River comprised seven counties. By the terms of treaties made with General Harrison in 1809 at Vincennes and Ft. Wayne, this territory was ceded by the Delaware, Miami and other Indian tribes.

There is evidence that the Indian mound builders had habitation near Howesville and numerous places along Eel River. Much material is available dealing with this race, and the excavation of many mounds has been the source of this material. Their crude axes made of stone and their arrowheads made of flint, show painstaking and expert workmanship. The territory around Howesville had for many years prior to 1767 belonged to the Piankeshaw Indian tribe. However, in 1767, they ceded it by treaty to the Delaware tribe. The Delaware Indians called what we know as Eel River, Shak'a'mak', which in their language meant, "The Waters of the Long Fish." In the early days, it was not unusual to catch fish weighing from fifty to sixty pounds. A sizeable Indian village was located near the Howesville and Wilson Church communities. There are no records of killings between the races in this vicinity, however. Soon after the battle of Tippecanoe in 1811, the Indians began to move West, the last band leaving this area in 1819 on their way to a reservation in Kansas. Only an occasional straggler was ever seen afterward. In the 1850 census there were three Indians listed as residents of Clay County.

An Indian burial ground was located about a mile north of Howesville and was named Sandy Knoll. In its primitive state this knoll was elevated from four to five feet above the surrounding level, circular in shape, and several hundred feet in diameter. Although the surrounding surface is a clay soil, the mound is sand and of the same quality found along the river—which leads to the conclusion that natives carried and deposited the sand. The artificial construction of this knoll is attested by the fact of an underlying foundation of timber. This area has been visited by archaeologists from the United States and abroad. The bones found in excavations here show these people to have been at least seven feet in stature, and some were buried in a sitting position and had the femurs (thigh bones) broken or fractured. In making excavation for the foundation of the brick dwelling erected on this knoll, the present home of Max and Josie Wise, numerous Indian relics were found.

Lewis Township, located in the southwest part of the County was originally a part of Harrison Township, and was made a separate Township in 1835 when it was platted. It was named for John Lewis who settled in what at that time was supposed to be the lower part of Clay County, but after a survey, proved to be in

Greene County! John B. Poe purchased the first land in Lewis Township from the United States Government in 1836. This was the land on which Peavey Cemetery is now located. This cemetery was known in the early days as the Poe Cemetery. There is no record as to how long ago this same tract was used as a burial ground by the Indians. The Indians buried here are not side by side, but in a long line, placing the head of one Indian near the feet of the last one buried. This line extended across the cemetery, and it may still be observed that no white people have used the line and no tombstones have been erected on the Indian row. It is claimed that Mrs. David Inman was the first white person buried there, but Minervia Coopridier, who died August 8, 1847, is the first white burial recorded on the monuments. This plot officially became public property in 1863 when it was deeded to the trustee of Lewis Township. Mr. Hazan Peavey later purchased this ground and donated additional ground for burial purposes, so the name was changed to Peavey. This Cemetery is used today by many families of the Church.

The land where the future town of Howesville was built was first owned by John Mundell and was purchased by him from the United States Government in 1849. Rodney Taylor purchased this ground from Mundell in 1855. The village of Howesville was founded by Robert Howe in 1856 when he purchased the land from Taylor. Mr. Howe had a store, postoffice and blacksmith shop, and the town bears his name. However, it was not formally platted until 1867 when William Muir took an interest in the town's progress and he, too, became a postmaster. The addition of the Monon Railroad through the east end of the village was quite an asset to the community. Industries operating at Howesville prior to 1900 were: a feed mill, blacksmith shop, a saw mill, a cooper shop, shoe-shop, and general stores. In 1860 an agricultural fair and picnic was held at Howesville. Howesville had a postoffice from 1857 to 1909.

The Howesville area was famous in the early years for its wild game. There was no species of wild game common to this latitude that could not be found in proper season. Hunters from other sections often came here, staying a week or more, killing animals for food and hides. In the early days of the Township the forests also furnished timber of almost every known variety. The surface of the Township presents a variety of soil also—from the deep black muck of the sloughs and marshes, to the gray and yellow clays of the uplands.

The settler's thirst for religious worship resulted in a Church forefront in every settlement, so as this community grew there was a need for a Church to be established. The Vincennes Presbytery at its fall meeting in 1869, authorized the organizing of a Presbyterian Church at Howesville, Clay County, Indiana. A Committee appointed by Presbytery consisted of Rev. Samuel Ward and Calvin Wagill, and met at Howesville on June 5, 1870, to organize the Church with twenty-two members—all but one being from the Claiborn Presbyterian Church of the Vincennes Presbytery, and the other being received by letter from the Seventh Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis. The names of the founders are as follows:

Mrs. Mary Vanfassen
Mrs. Mary Jane Ward
Joseph Woodrow
Mrs. Margaret L. Woodrow
Mrs. Mahala A. Woodrow
R. Harrison Woodrow
John Anderson

Barbara Anderson
Mrs. Elisabeth Craig
Mrs. James Wilson
Mrs. Jane Wilson
Sylvester T. Strock
Mrs. Ruthia E. Strock
N. D. Johnson

Mrs. Sarah J. Johnson
Mrs. Mary A. Muir
Mrs. Elisabeth Eccles
David Hill

Mrs. Rachel Hill
John E. Pool
Mrs. Frances Pool
Mrs. Eliza Bailey

This congregation met at the Maddox schoolhouse (two and one-half miles west and four and one-half miles north of Howesville) as regularly as possible. Rev. Samuel Ward was acting pastor of the Church when it was organized. Feb. 5, 1871, the first member was received and baptised, Neal F. Hill, and this was at the Maddox School. The next several meetings were held at the Camp Island School (located about one and one-half miles northwest of Howesville) where Mrs. Sarah E. Fox, Margaret Viola Muir, George Pool, John Pool, Thomas Herrington Connop, Isaac Miller, Elisabeth M. Pool, Mollie Anderson (letter from Friendly Grove Baptist Church) and Sarah Ann Vaughn became members.

The first Church was completed in the year 1871, and was dedicated on Nov. 26, 1871, by Rev. Henry Little, Synodical Missionary of the State of Indiana. Some of the timbers used in the new Church were hauled by oxen from as far as the Valley Farm. At the time of the dedication of the new building, the membership had reached thirty-two. In its early days this building was used as a union church and each denomination was to pay a percentage of the cost of operation. Later all denominations except the Presbyterians dropped out and the Church has continued to be Presbyterian.

The first record of members being received into the new Howesville Church was on March 9, 1872, when James R. A. Eccles, Thomas Eccles and Sarah Muir applied for membership; and, this meeting was held in the newly built Church. Rev. Ward during his ministry traveled into Owen County to administer to the sick, and held meetings in out-of-the-way school houses during this period as well as meetings in his own Church at Howesville and Fairview.

In April of 1873, one member was suspended from the communion of the Howesville Church for untruthfulness. And again in 1876, two other members were found guilty of unchristian conduct for long periods of time and refused to appear before the session, so were dropped from membership. One other instance was noted where transfers to another church were asked for, and the Session hesitated due to unpaid pledges toward the Howesville Church, but the letters were eventually sent. So, we see that religious vows taken during this era were held as definite obligations.

A prayer meeting was held in the Church at least once every three weeks, alternating with other Churches served by the minister in 1877. Also, several five and six day meetings were held with ministers from the Farmersburg Presbyterian Church, Fairview, and other Churches in this vicinity. These ministers always stayed in homes in the communities where the meetings were being held. Most of these meetings were quite fruitful.

December 23, 1894, was the date of several baptisms of persons who have been most active in the progress of the Church: Elmer, son of Fred and Viola Peavey; Leroy and Ervin, children of Henry and Eva Sinderson; Clarence, son of Louis and Fannie Wolf; and Florence, Robert M. and John, children of Thomas and Bethia Eccles.

A motion was carried in 1901 that elders be elected under the "Rotary System", and this same system of election is still in use. About this same time, the first hymnals were purchased, the "Pentecostal Hymn Book."

Financing seemed to have its problems seventy-five years ago just as it still

does today. At the annual meeting in 1901, the Deacons reported a deficiency on the Pastor's salary of \$25.50, with unpaid subscriptions amounting to \$32.00. This report was accepted with a balance on hand of 10c. Other items of interest in this 1901 report included cash from an ice cream social \$29.92, sale of butter and eggs \$1.51, a payment for two ton of coal for \$2.00, four gallon of oil for 40c, and a broom for 25c. The janitor was paid \$20.00 for one year of service. This financial situation probably was even more difficult then than our high finance problems are of today!

A Circle for young men was organized in 1902, and was called "The Heart and Hand Circle." Its purpose was three fold: create religious, literary and musical interest. Also, at this time the records show a Sunday School being mentioned for the first time, and the formation of a Christian Endeavor for young people.

As far as finances were concerned, 1907 again proved to be a bad year, and the Elders were asked to canvass the community for contributions toward the Church. However, this challenge was met, and not only was a minister hired for the year, but also new hymnals were purchased. In 1908, the Church applied to the Home Mission for support of the Pastor's salary, and \$50.00 was granted the Church. Rev. Crabtree was planning to retire at the end of the year in 1908, so the Church again asked the Indianapolis Presbytery to combine the Howesville Church with another Church so they might have a part-time minister. Rev. T. W. Wells was retained in October, 1910, with a salary of \$200.00 for the year.

The Howesville Church again in 1912 and 1913 found itself without a pastor; however, Sunday School was held except during the winter months. Later in 1913, the Home Mission Committee appointed Rev. A. W. Higgins to preach at the Clay City and Howesville Churches.

Muir Lake was the scene of some immersions for the Church. The first such immersion recorded was that of Earl W. VanHorn on July 25, 1915. Basket dinners and day-long programs were often held at the time of these immersions at the Lake front.

A meeting was held at the Howesville Church on Sept. 22, 1918, with the Clay City Church, and after a general discussion it was agreed that both Churches be grouped in support of a minister. Each Church was to pay \$425.00 per year and the minister would occupy the manse in Howesville. A rental fee of \$10.00 per month would be allowed the Howesville Church to be included in the \$425.00 to be paid by Howesville. The minister was to divide his time equally—giving one-half time to each Church. This was the first formal agreement between the two Churches, although there had been previous pastor exchanges from time to time.

A parsonage was built during 1916 to 1918 while Rev. Lindsay was pastor of the Church. This was used by various ministers, but due to problems with taxes and tenants (while not being used by the ministers) the manse was sold to Paul and Flo Wolfe in 1938, and moved from its location east of the Church.

During a night service in 1918, while Rev. Lindsay was preaching, a severe wind storm hit the Howesville area. All the members of the congregation sat very tense, hardly able to keep their minds on the sermon, but never-the-less Rev. Lindsay continued preaching during the storm. After the service was over, the congregation found the only damage done was that several large trees had blown down close to the hitching rack where the horses were tied on the north side of the Church and some horses had broken loose. Everyone felt quite fortunate that

no damage had been done to the people, Church, or horses.

June 20, 1920, marked the 50th anniversary of the organizing of the Howesville Presbyterian Church, and an all day meeting was held in observance of this event. Dinner was served on the grounds. Addresses were made in the afternoon, and many pleasant memories of early days were recalled. Many friends from some distances were present and a delightful day was reported. Rev. R. C. Hartman was the minister at the time of the 50th anniversary.

The women of the Church often conducted money making projects of their own to help further the progress of the Church. The traditional quilting projects often lasted all day, with the ladies eating a noon meal with the hostess and spending the entire day quilting and visiting. Another money-making project was preparing dinners for various groups and organizations.

A congregational meeting was held on April 12, 1925, for the purpose of grouping the Jasonville and Howesville Presbyterian Churches together. A call was issued by both Churches for Rev. R. L. Logan, but he was unable to accept the call. Rev. Alonzo Yates did accept the call at a salary of \$1500.00 plus the manse. This was the first time an official combination of the Jasonville and Howesville Churches was actually recorded; however, some ministers previously had supplied both these pulpits—Rev. Crabtree in 1907 was one who had done this.

Since there was no minister in 1927, a meeting was held to discuss renting the manse. Shorting after renting it, however, Rev. Stafford was obtained for the ministry and the occupant was asked to vacate so the minister might move in.

Another congregational meeting was called on April 7, 1929, to again discuss a grouping with Clay City, and this was decided by a unanimous vote in favor of the grouping. Rev. LeRoy J. Coats was installed as minister of the two Churches on September 24, 1929.

The Church records show that in 1940 some serious consideration was given to the condition of the Church, and some general plans for remodeling were discussed.

As many of the readers of this Centennial booklet will recall, the Church did face the West, the entrance being from the gravel road. Since State Road 59 had been routed through Howesville, the congregation thought it wise in 1936 to turn the Church to face Highway 59, leaving the Church in its general location on its half-acre lot. Many additional improvements were added at this time: a full basement, a new heating system, complete new wiring, colorful stained glass windows, heavy oak pews, new communion table and altar furniture, new porch, walls were replastered, new flooring, new lights, and a framed painting of the head of Christ. The stained glass windows are dedicated as family memorials and bear the names of pioneers in the community whose posterity carry on as members of the Church today: Louis J. and Fannie Wolf; Henry and Rosa E. Wolf; John and Neva Iona Sindors; Oscar and Myrtle Wolf; Thomas and Joanna B. Eccles, William and Mary Muir; Viola Peavey Neal; and Fred M. and Margaret V. Peavey. The community and congregation can well be proud of the work done at this time on the Church.

Much of this remodeling was done by the donated labor of thirty-eight men. Contributions of money were received from fifty people and organizations. Nineteen people donated items such as paint, wire, chairs, dishes, kitchenware, porch lights, etc. Only a few of the expenditures are listed here: Furnace purchased

from Pentecost and Craft (original contract was written on a grocery sack) for \$230.00; Concrete Silo Company for blocks \$123.53; Noble Short for raising and turning the Church \$175.00; and Fred Bechtel for concrete work \$233.00.

Even after all the above remodeling, the Church found itself well on the road to having a balance in the Treasury on the plus side instead of the minus side, and plans were started at this time to make our Church self-supporting. These plans were discussed with Presbytery as early as 1942.

The Women's Christian Service Society was organized on September 8, 1943. The purpose of this organization was to further the Kingdom of God both spiritually and financially. The Charter members were: Francis Archer, Mrs. Leech, Mrs. Sinderson, Hazel Baker, Ruth Peavey, Grace Miller, Thelma Eccles, and Gladys Peavey. This group, along with many additional members, was quite active through 1956, and had many successful projects. Clothes were made for "needy" children, children were supported from other countries, and support to charitable organizations are only a few of this group's projects.

The 75th Anniversary of the Howesville Presbyterian Church was celebrated on Sunday, June 3, 1945. The morning session opened at 10:00 at which time a double duet sang and the history of the Church was given. At noon, all the visitors, friends, and members of the Church enjoyed a noon lunch together; and, the afternoon session included a quartet from WBOW, a trio, marimba selections, talks from people in the audience, and congregational singing. This was a very lovely warm, clear, spring day, and much visiting, talking, and the renewing of acquaintances was enjoyed by all those present. Church officials at the time of the 75th Anniversary were: Pastor, Willard Ellis; Treasurer, Frank Peavey; Elders, Elmer Peavey, Robert Eccles, Oscar Wolf, Clarence Wolf, Curtis Baker, Howard Ellis; Deacons, Emil Laughlin, Gene Miller, Clarence Wolf, Basil Archer; Trustees, Curtis Baker, Gene Miller, and Howard Ellis.

The young people of the Church in 1951 decided an organ would be a nice addition to the services of the Church, so after the usual ice cream socials, chili suppers, etc. a Hammond organ was added to the pulpit furniture, and in 1955 a new Baldwin piano was also purchased by this group.

The Howesville Church and the Clay City Church were again separated in 1954 when Rev. Hitchcock supplied at the Howesville Church only.

The year 1960 marks another milestone in the history of the Church, when we elected our first woman as an elder, Mary Hamilton Stalcup, and she was followed by Lorene Pell and Virginia Salter.

Restrooms and a new oil furnace were welcome additions in 1961, along with a ceiling fan and wooden pulpit cross.

February, 1962, was the date of a religious survey of the community. Our Church members contacted 125 homes in the community to determine whether or not they were attending Church any place, and if not, they were invited to attend services at the Howesville Presbyterian Church.

Repairs to the basement and outside painting of the Church were done in 1963, and in 1964 the railing was removed from the front of the Church and new carpeting was purchased. The interior of the Church was also painted and a dehumidifier was purchased for the basement. The inside of the Church now carries out the purple and white decor and reflects these colors from the stained glass windows. New Presbyterian Hymnals were purchased in 1966. In 1967, the

order of our worship service was changed, and now Church services are at 9:30, and the Sunday School service follows at 10:30.

Our Church observes certain days during the year which we celebrate with programs of some nature, such as Children's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Rally Day, Christmas programs, Youth Sunday—where the young people of the Church conduct the entire service, and Layman's Sunday—where the men take over the service. Thanksgiving week-end has become a traditional time for us to have a supper at the Church, and this event is enjoyed by all the members of the congregation and the community each year. The Church has for many years joined with the other Churches in Lewis Township for their semi-annual Conventions, and for the Pre-Easter services.

The Howesville Church has always supported causes outside our own area such as Christmas Neighbors, CROP, One Great Hour of Sharing, Gideons, United Clothing Appeal, Red Cross, 50 Million Fund, Salvation Army, baskets for the needy during the holiday season, TB, National Missions and many others. Since about half the congregation reside in Greene County and half in Clay County, donations have often been made to both counties.

The principal occupations in this area are agriculture and mining, and from these general fields, we the members of the Howesville United Presbyterian Church are very proud of our one hundred years of growth—and our prayer is that we may continue to grow and be of service to the community for the next one hundred years to even a greater extent than we have done this first one hundred years. With God's help and all your prayers—we shall!

FAMILY HISTORY

ECCLES

Thomas E. Eccles, his wife Elizabeth, and their four children were born in England where he was a school teacher and a Presbyterian minister. Due to high taxes and other unfavorable conditions, they and his sister, Anna, came to the United States in 1851. They settled in Terre Haute and made their home there until his death.

After his death Elizabeth Eccles and two of her sons, Thomas Abbey and James, moved to the Howesville community. They lived on the corner just across from Muirs Lake until Thomas purchased his home at Howesville. Elizabeth was a charter member of the Howesville Presbyterian Church.

Thomas A. married Joanna Bithia Moffett, daughter of Robert and Angeline Moffett of Denmark, Indiana who were also members of the Howesville Church. They were the parents of six children; Angeline, Grace, and Anna Elizabeth (all deceased), Florence Gray of Evansville, Robert Moffett and John Edward (deceased).

John E. married Juanita Miller. They have five children; Joanna Mae (Mrs. Wayne Boruff of Indianapolis), William Thomas and Don Edward of Jasonville, Betty June (Mrs. George Rhoderick of Indianapolis), and Charles Franklin of Columbus.

Robert M. is married to Thelma E. Drake. They are the parents of four children; Robert Eugene, Florence Evelyn (deceased), Daniel Lloyd and Lawrence Lee.

Juanita, Thelma and Robert are still active members of the Church.

FRANCIS

Raymond Francis purchased a part of what was known as the Valley Farm in 1937. After he and Olive Coleman were married in 1941, they decided to attend the nearest Church in the community. Raymond transferred his membership from the Connely Chapel United Brethren Church northwest of Clay City. Olive came to us from the Zion Reformed Church of Terre Haute.

MILLER-WISE

Emma Wagstaff and Sanford Foster Miller, who lived in Owen County, were married and came to a farm one mile north of Howesville. They lived in a shanty while they built a hollow brick house on an Indian Mound, which had been an Indian burial ground. As the basement was dug Indian skeletons and relics were found. Arrowheads and flints are still being found on the Mound. Emma Miller moved her Church membership from the Coal City Church to the Howesville Presbyterian Church in 1915. Their three children were Essie, Clarence (deceased) and Josie (Miller) Wise.

PEAVEY

Mary Warman Muir, a native of Indiana, was a charter member of the Howesville Presbyterian Church. Her husband, William Muir, a native of Scotland, and she had five children; Thomas, William, Sarah, John, and Margaret Viola. Margaret Viola married Fredric M. Peavey, who also became a member. They were the parents of three children; Abbie (Mrs. John C. Allen of Lafayette

Indiana), Frank and Elmer, both of the local community. Frank Peavey married Gladys Coopridier. They were members of the Howesville Church. They were the parents of three children; Rachel (Mrs. Howard Ellis), George and Elanor (Mrs. Nathan Bridwell). Rachel and Howard have two sons, Alan and Tom. George married Iris Pope and they have two children, Fred and Beth. Elanor and Nathan have two daughters, Marsha and Lucia.

Elmer and Ruth (Stuart) Peavey had two daughters; Viola (Mrs. Wayne Neal) and Myra (Mrs. Arthur Wall). Viola and Wayne had one son, Larry. Myra and Art have two children, Mary and Donnie.

Sarah Muir married Alfred Bunger and both were members of the Church as long as they lived in the community. Their four children were Mae, Clara, Bill and Roy. Mae married James Stahl and Roy married Mabel Bipus.

Walter Peavey's father was Hazen Peavey. Walter and his wife, Lillian, had four children; Ertice, Carl, Abbie and Omer.

POOL

The Pool and Sargent families immigrated from England to America about 1842 because of the high taxes in England. They settled at Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

John Edward Pool became acquainted with Francis Elizabeth Sargent on the boat coming over from England. They were soon married and lived in Ft. Wayne for a while. John came on horseback to Lewis Township and purchased some land. The following year he brought the family in a covered wagon and settled here.

In 1870 when the Church was organized, they were among the chartered members. He died in 1873, and Francis in 1895, and are both buried in the Peavey Cemetery.

A son, John William Pool, united with the Church in 1871. In 1880 he was married to Huldah Harvey who had been born and reared near Worthington. She and a son, Pearl, united with the Church in 1894. She remained a member until her death in 1930. John Pool was an elder at the time of his death in 1909. The son is now a member of the Methodist Church at Linton. A son, Frank, and his wife, Pearl, and a daughter, Louise, became members in 1924. All three are deceased. A daughter, Charlotte, united with the Church in 1906 and is presently a member.

WOLF

Henry Wolf was born in Canton Rockemhaus in Ransweiler Kr. Bayern, Germany, on October 27, 1831, where the family trade was weaving and farming. This family came to America in a sailboat in the late 1830's. The family first settled in Tuscarawas County, near New Philadelphia, Ohio, in 1843, and in 1852 moved south of Patricksburg.

Before entering the Howesville Church, they were members of the German Reform Church east of Clay City, however, upon moving to Greene County, they attended services at the Sharon Reform Church at Linton, since there was no closer Reform Church in this area. One son, Lewis, completed his catechism at the Sharon Reform Church. Due to transportation problems, Henry Wolf, his

wife Elizabeth, their oldest son, John, and his wife, Anna, transferred their membership to the Howesville Church in 1889. Lewis and his wife, Fannie, and Henry and his wife, Rosa, also joined the Howesville Church in 1894.

The following family names are those who have been active in the work of the Howesville Presbyterian Church:

The John and Anna Wolf family

John and Alma Wolf
Clara and Ennis McHenry
Fred Wolfe
Herman and Gladys Wolfe
Virginia Smith
Alma Fiscus
Paul and Flo Wolfe
Kenneth and Lavern Wolfe
Jerry Wolfe
Paula Wolfe
Jill Wolfe

The Lewis and Fannie Wolf family

Roscoe and Pauline Wolf
Clarence and Madge Wolf
Wayne Wolf
Emil and Ertice Laughlin
Myron (Ted) and Lorene Pell
Linda and David Bailey
Oscar and Myrtle Wolf
Ray and Lucille Rector
David and Donna Rector
Gail and Steve Owens
Roy Wolf

The Henry and Rosa Wolf family

Emma Hamilton
Mary and Harold Stalcup
Bill Stalcup
Bob Stalcup
Roscoe and Anna Snedeker
Ellen Wolf
Minnie Wolf
William and Margaret Wolf
Lloyd Wolf
Sam and Ertice Wolf
Mildred France
Louise Ball
Rosetta Stickler
Maxine Nally

Pearl and Elmer Blanton

Margaret Blanton
Bernice Bastain
Elmer H. Blanton
Patricia Simon
Grace and Gene Miller
Ruby and Bill Zellers
Billy and Linda Zellers
Darin Zellers
Arin Zellers

A daughter, Elizabeth, married Phillip Ley and lived northeast of Clay City. They were active in the St. Peters Reformed Church. Their oldest son, Herman, was a Reformed Minister. Their other children were: Clara, Agnes, Anton, Grace, Alma, and Paul.

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Photo Section



OUR SANCTUARY

None now can remember
How looked these walls
A Century ago,
Ours to enjoy
the present splendor
Of sacred hours we know.

The changes wrought
Has brought decor
Each flock in turn could share,
Believing that
Their color scheme
Possessed a beauty rare.

The purity
Of white now gleams
Within these hallowed walls,
Like many saints
Who've gone before
We think it best of all.

No matter what
The color scheme
Traditional or mod,
Important is
The Saviour's dream
That here we have learned of God.

There are three of the Charter Members whose descendants are still active in our Church.

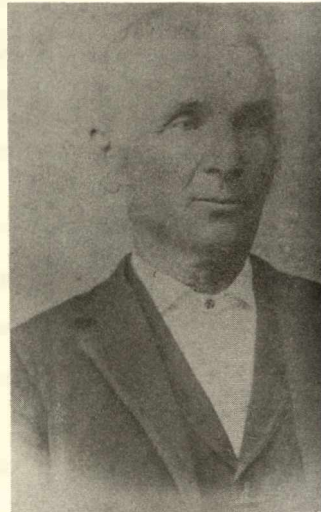
MOFFETT--ECCLES



Joanna (Moffett) and Thomas A. Eccles, Angeline Stahl, Anna E. VanHorn, Robert Eccles, John Eccles, Grace McDonald, Florence Gray.



Angeline Moffett



Robert Moffett



Robert M. and Thelma E. Eccles
Robert E., Lawrence L. and Daniel L. Eccles



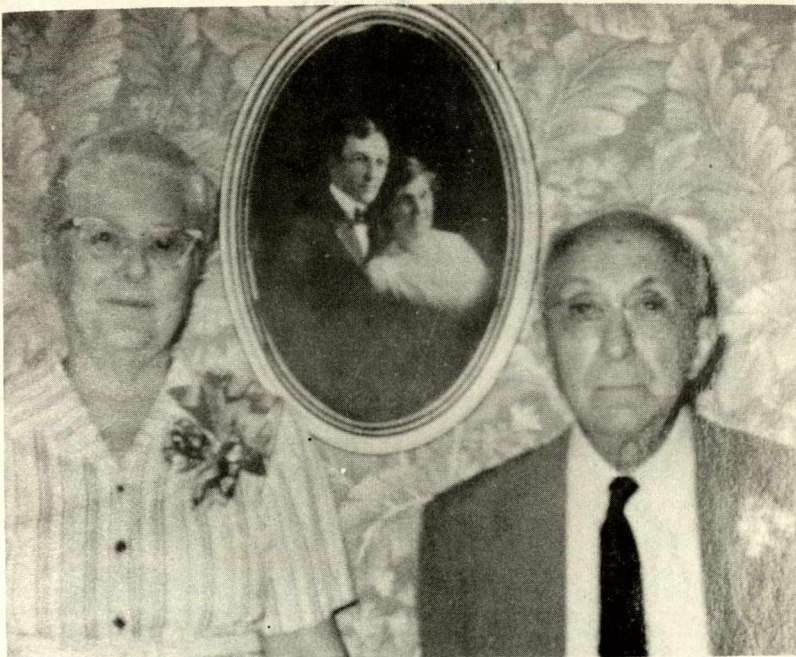
Florence Evelyn Eccles



John and Juanita (Miller) Eccles
Their Golden Wedding Anniversary: June 1, 1966



Don E. Eccles, Betty June Rhoderick, Charles F. Eccles, Juanita Eccles, John Eccles, Joanna Mae Boruff, William T. Eccles.



Fiftieth Anniversary 1965
Florence (Eccles) and Jesse F. Gray
inset: Wedding picture 1915

THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

All too soon the fleeting
time has passed
When wedding bells ring
out the golden year.
And love throughout a lifetime
thus does last;
Shedding its rays of happiness
and cheer.

Not all the days were
filled with endless bliss
Experiences common to all
they had to bear.
Troubles assailed; great plans
have gone amiss
Undaunted, they have never
ceased to care.

So now, the open book of memory's
page
Reveals five decades of two
lives thus spent
Teaching the marvelous lesson
of each age,
This love to man and woman
was God sent.

MUIR--PEAVEY



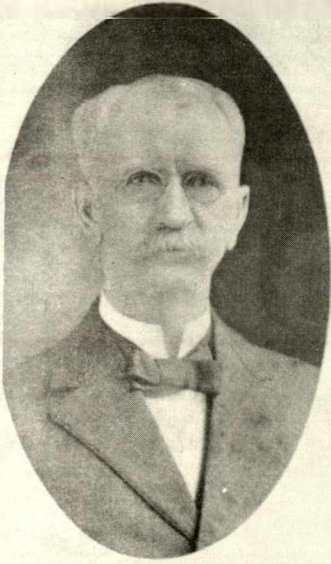
Mary Ann Warman Muir



Margaret Viola Muir



Sarah Elizabeth Muir



A. R. Bunger



Sarah (Muir) Bunger



LeRoy Bunger, Mabel (Bipus) Bunger & family



Viola (Muir) and Frederick M. Peavey



Gladys (Coopridger) and Frank Peavey



Iris (Pope) and George Peavey, Beth and Fred

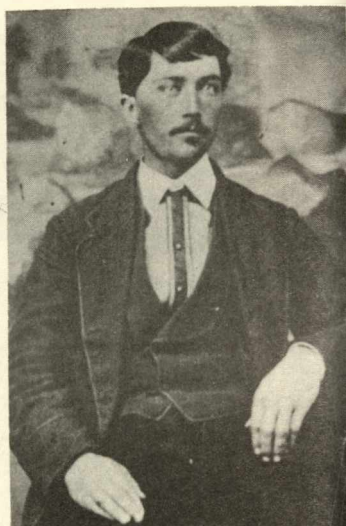
POOL



Charlotte Pool



Huldah (Harvey) Pool



John W. Pool



Charlotte, John W., Pearl, Alma, Frank and Huldah Pool



Frank and Pearl Pool and Family

TWO YOUNG MEMBERS

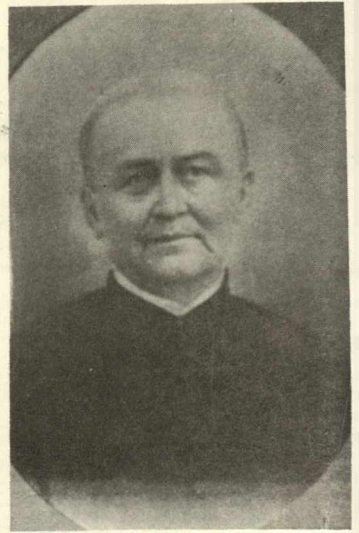
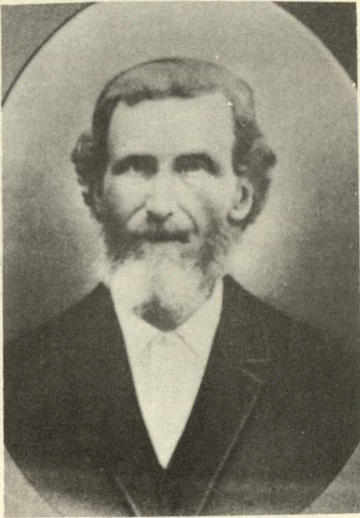


Elizabeth Row
1872



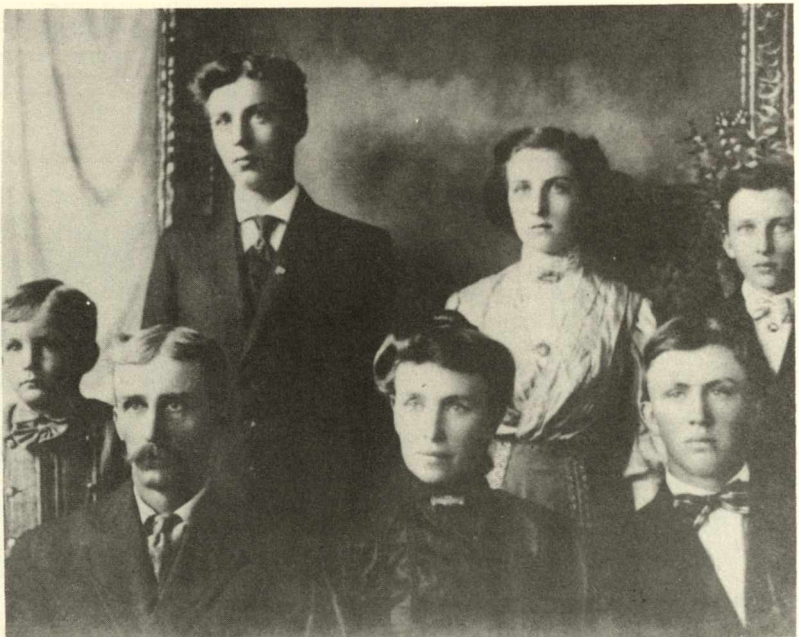
Esther Hill
1873

WOLF



Henry and Elizabeth (Croft) Wolf were the first of the Wolf family to join the Howesville Church in 1889.

The Lewis Wolf Family in 1910



Front row: Lewis Wolf, Fannie Wolf, and Roscoe Wolf.
Back row: Roy Wolf, Clarence Wolf, Ertice Wolf and Oscar Wolf.



Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary picture of Lewis and Fannie Wolf taken in 1940.



Madge (Bedwell) and Clarence Wolf



The Emil Laughlin Family: Seated are Ertice and Emil Laughlin. Back row: Lorene Pell, Ted Pell, Linda and David Bailey.



Roscoe and Pauline (Gibson) Wolf



Myrtle and Oscar Wolf



Donna and Dave Rector Gail and Steve Owens
Lucille and Ray Rector



The Henry Wolf Family: In the front row are Emma Wolf, Henry Wolf, Grace Wolf and Minnie Wolf. Back row: Ellen Wolf, Sam Wolf, Bill Wolf and Anna Wolf.



Rosa (Yegerlehner)
Wolf



Emma (Wolf)
Hamilton



The Sam Wolf Family: Seated are Sam and Ertice (Landis) Wolf. Standing are Mildred (Wolf) France, Rosetta (Wolf) Strickler, Maxine (Wolf) Nally and Louise (Wolf) Ball.



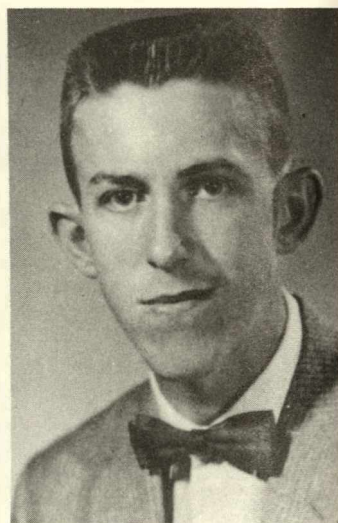
Grace (Wolf) and Eugene (Gene) Miller



Mary (Hamilton) Stalcup and Harold Stalcup with
their grandson Bob (son of Bob Stalcup).



Bob Stalcup

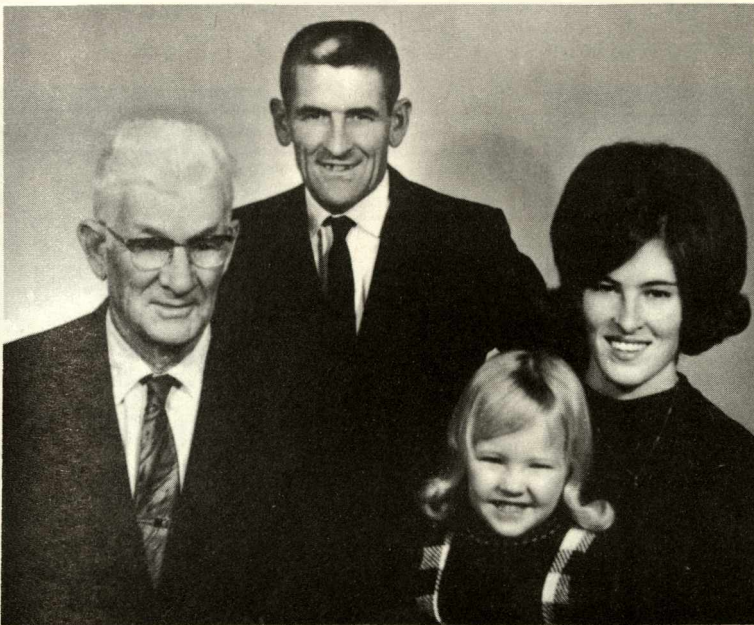


Bill Stalcup

FOUR GENERATIONS



Miller--Zellers: Front row are Grace (Wolf) Miller, Linda (Followell) Zellers and Billy Gene Zellers with their children Darin W. and Aarin T. Back row: Ruby J. (Miller) Zellers and William J. Zellers.



Eccles--Henico: Robert M. Eccles, Robert E. Eccles, Cynthia Kay (Eccles) Henico and Angi Kay Henico.



Grover and Lennie Miller



Warren Miller



Joan (Miller) Miller



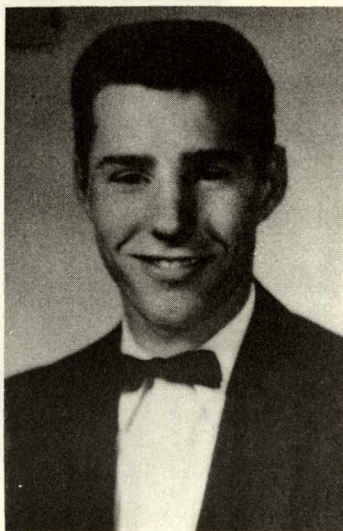
Margaret Miller



Norma Jean (Miller) Asbury



**Letha Lenore (Miller)
VanHorn**



Carmen Carl VanHorn



Sanford Foster Miller and Emma Miller



The Joe Don Wise Family: Lee Ann (Pointer) Wise, Donya, Robbie and Joe Don Wise.



Josie and Max Wise



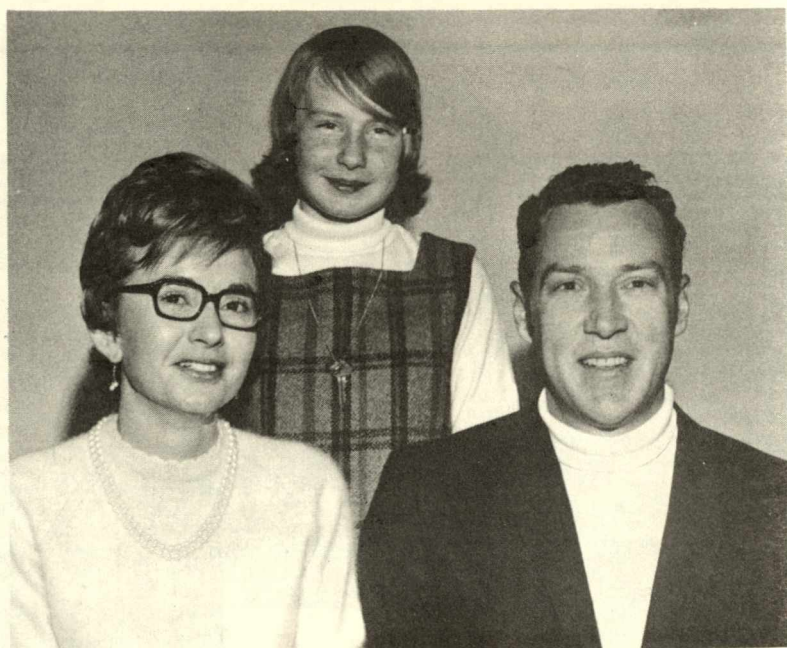
Ruth Ada (Wise) McLeish



Carol Ann Wise



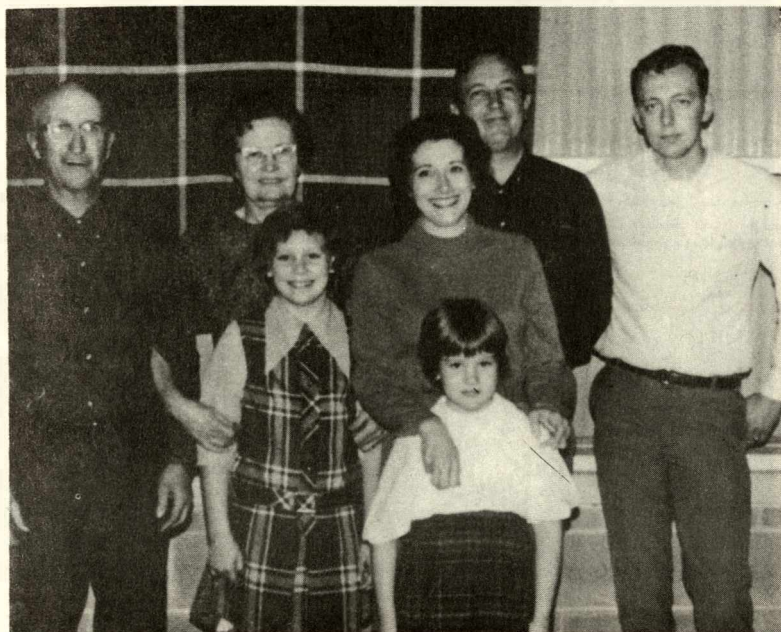
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Baker



Carolyn, Diana and John Mears



Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd D. Brown and J. Van Brown



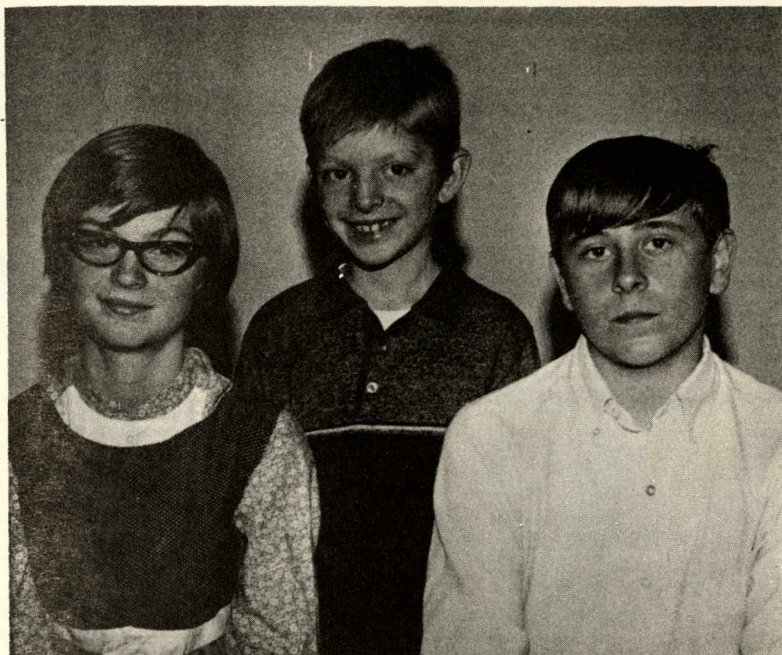
The Paul Wolfe Family: Paul and Flo Wolfe, Lavern and Kenneth Wolfe, Jerry, Paula and Jill Wolfe.



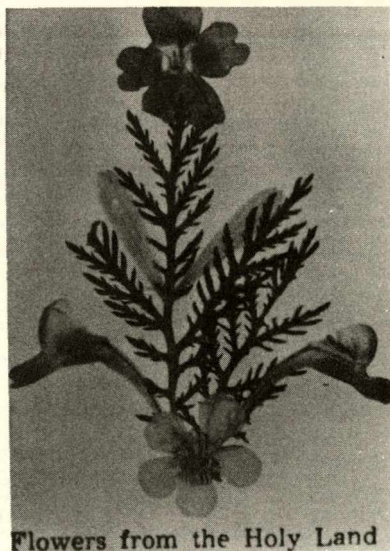
Olive (Coleman) and Raymond Francis



The Salters Family: Seated are Lester and Virginia Salters. Standing are their children; Jean Salters, Janice (Salters) Shackelford, John Salters and James Salters.



Debbie and Rusty Coopridner and Leslie Goodman



**"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth;
but the Word of our God shall stand for-
ever" (Isaiah 40:8).**

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, 1870-1970

6- 5-1870	Twenty-two founders	6-20-1880	Robert Moffett
2- 6-1871	Neal Hill		Angeline Moffett
3-20 1871	Sarah Fox		Mary Moffett
	Margaret Viola Muir	6-16-1884	John Patterson
3-22-1871	George J. Pool		George Fox
	John Pool		Eva Sindors
	Thomas H. Connop	3- 7-1886	Capitola Hill
	Isaac Miller		Minnie Crawford
	Elisabeth M. Pool		Elizabeth Crawford
7- 2-1871	Mollie Anderson	3-10-1886	Henry Sindors
	Sarah Ann Vaughn		Emma Sindors
3- 9-1872	James Eccles		N. A. Harris
	Thomas Eccles		Leroy Bunger
	Sarah Muir		May Bunger
3-11-1872	Rachel McGinnis	1- 4-1889	Henry Miller
3-13-1872	James Craig		Hala Cole Hughes
3-15-1872	Sarah Daenschuek	6-10-1889	Henry Wolf
4-21-1872	Emma Vanfossen		Elisabeth Wolf
	Lucy Stager		John Wolf
	Robert Wilson		Anna Wolf
4-25-1872	Elisabeth Catherine Stager	12-21-1894	Florence Hood
	Lizzie Belle Anderson	12-30-1894	Louis Wolf
8-10-1872	M. J. Roe		Priscilla Sindors
	E. J. Roe		Lina Sindors
	S. J. Sanders		Mollie Sindors
2- 9-1873	J. I. Crawford		Laura T. Wolf
	Alfred R. Bunger		Henry A. Wolf
	Noah Crawford		Rosa Wolf
	Mary Crawford		Charlotte Miller
	Charles Grant		Louis Sindors
	Mary Ann Hays		Lysander Bartlett
2-10-1873	Isaac Hays		Fannie Wolf
	Esther Diana Hill		Alfred Bunger
	John Craig		Mary Clarenda Bunger
2-11-1873	Elisa Shepherd		Summit Hill
	Emma Rogers		Hulda Pool
	Imri Sites		Pearl Pool
	John H. Shepherd		John H. Wolf
2-27-1874	Jane Crawford		Clara L. Wolf
4-26-1874	Sarah Sidring		Mamie Harris
2-14-1875	John I. Miller		William E. Bunger
	Margaret Miller		Fred Sindors
	Willie Ward		Emma E. Wolf
4- 9-1876	Mary Renn		Anna Wolf
2- 2-1877	Fredric M. Peavey		Bertha Wolf
	James Tally		Mariah Row
	M. H. Siebring		Ettie Young
2- 4-1877	Eli Schnellenberger		Amanda Wolf
	Mrs. Schnellenberger		Martha Rodgerson
12- 9-1877	Joanna Bethia Moffet		Charles Rodgerson
3-22-1878	James Woodrow		Lucy Stringfield
	Sarah Baber		Joseph Harris
	Susanna Baber	12-17-1895	David Sindors
	Mary M. Bence		William Sindors
	Mary Amanda Fox		Anna Sindors
	Lola May Ward		Angeline Eccles
	Susan E. Underwood	12-21-1895	Lillian Peavey
	James A. Plew		Martha Young
	Reuben M. Miller	12-22-1895	F. M. Young
	Alonzo M. Miller	7- 4-1897	Flora Elliott
3-24-1878	Lysander Bartlett	12- 5-1897	Sarah Gibson
	Isabelle Pool		George Sherrow
	Buena Vesta Hill		Kate Sherrow
3-26-1878	John Strome		Mrs. Worley
	Diadene Campbell	12- 8-1898	Oliver P. Miller
3-27-1878	Jackson Hellgas	12-11-1898	Stella Sills
	Daniel Miller		Della Pool
	E. C. B. Ward	11-25-1900	Lizzie Eccles
	W. W. Woodrow		Grace Eccles
	Bernie D. Fox	11-30-1900	Henry Pool
	H. C. Woodrow		Rosa Pool
	Nellie Peavey	12- 1-1900	Sarah A. Archer
5- 5-1878	J. H. Curry		Carl Peavey
	Mary Curry		Mamie Miller
2-28-1879	Thomas Jones Llewelyn		Iona Sindors
5- 9-1880	Mrs. Dark		

12-17-1901	Senteney Gastineau Henry Gastineau Roy Sindors John Sindors Effie Bunger Florence Eccles		James Harrison Ragle Senteney Gasteneau Blanche Perry Olive Yeryar Nellie Jordan
12-18-1901	Mabel Bunger William A. Shunk George F. Sills Charles O. Sumpter Ova Della Sumpter	4-30-1922	Stella May Harris Josephine Harris Ella E. Harris Irene Hardesty Vernia Sindors Geneve Sindors Marie Landis Opal Emma Miller Eugene Miller
12-19-1901	Riley Row William E. Jordan William Bennett	5-14-1922	Emil Laughlin
12-20-1901	Abraham Auten Nancy Auten William M. Archer John Rhoderick	6-11-1922	Dorothy A. Hardesty Clay Miller Clay Fulk
12-21-1901	Eugene Row Sylvester Doorne	12-12-1924	Marie Miller Paul Miller Grover Miller Lenna Miller Warren Miller Margaret Miller Granvil Gentry Luella Gentry Willard Gentry Francis Gentry Frank Pool Mrs. Frank Pool Louise Pool Frank Peavey Gladys Peavey Viola Francis Peavey
12-22-1901	Edgar Grigsby Minnie Rosetta Wolf William Henry Wolf	12-14-1924	Robert Hamiltor Kenneth Hamilton Floyd Gentry
12-23-1901	Robert Moffett Eccles	4-4-1926	Myra Peavey Mrs. Robert Eccles John Lee Mrs. John Lee Margaret Wolf Mrs. Alonzo Yates
12-26-1902	James Ervin Stahl	4-10-1927	Rachael Peavey
1-18-1903	Ennis McHenry Alfred Miller Verlin Miller Fred Miller Ada Archer Mrs. Bruce Doyle	11-5-1927	Ira Fiscus
4-15-1906	Ertice Peavey Charlotte Pool Callie Archer	11-10-1929	Leanore Miller
11-25-1907	Mrs. A. Gibson Roscoe Wolf Clarence Wolf Samuel Wolf Hettie Sherrow Dorris Tipton John Eccles	11-17-1929	Gerald Dayhuff Mary Hamilton George Peavey Eleanor Peavey
4-2-1911	Pearl Wolf Grace Wolf Ertice Wolf	11-24-1929	Max Pool Elmer Sindors
1-28-1915	Oscar Wolf Earl VanHorn	12-8-1929	Wilmer Pool
2-9-1915	Ruben Miller Ruth Miller Emma Miller Ethel Miller	3-22-1931	Dan Drake Mrs. Dan Drake Norma Drake Robert McQuery Paul Wolf Flo Wolf Joanna Eccles
2-13-1915	Gerte Gasteneau	1-4-1932	Madge Wolf
8-8-1915	Ertis Mildred Landis Essie Ruth Miller Ruble Gibson James Hamilton Ethel Newby Roscoe Snedeker	7-2-1933	Lucille Wolf
7-16-1916	Okie Stout	11-5-1933	Blanche Sandow Virginia Sandow Helen Sandow
7-30-1916	Jennie Harris	3-30-1936	Ruby Jean Miller
10-8-1916	Elmer Peavey Ruth Peavey	5-9-1937	Basil Ellis Enid Ellis Lorene Laughlin
11-19-1916	Oda Jordan Della Harris McKinley Harris J. B. Harris William Jordan Jessie Harris	4-17-1938	Howard Ellis Elmira Ellis
2-2-1919	Ada Hartman Mary J. Hartman	12-10-1938	Juanita Eccles Betty June Eccles
3-30-1919	Roy Wolf Herbert Varner Olive Landis Georgia Mae Rumble Effie Gentry Rae Gentry Henry Gastineau	1-1-1939	Herman Wolf Gladys Wolf Virginia Wolf

12-24-1939 Curtis Baker
 Hazel Baker
 1-14-1940 Kenneth Paul Wolf
 4- 6-1941 Basil Archer
 1- 3-1943 Robert Eugene Eccles
 Florence Evelyn Eccles
 Wayne Wolf
 4-13-1947 Larry Neal
 1-30-1949 Max Wise
 Josie Wise
 Ruth Ada Wise
 Raymond Francis
 Olive Francis
 Stella Kates
 Roy Kates
 Carolyn Baker
 Phyllis Baker
 Irls Peavey
 4- 9-1950 Myron Pell
 Ray Rector
 Myrtle Wolf
 4- 5-1953 Bob Rector
 Betty Rector
 4-10-1955 Alan Ellis
 David Rector
 Billy Stalcup
 Bobby Stalcup
 Tommy Ellis
 Mrs. George Hitchcock
 4-28-1957 Etta Gibson
 5-29-1958 Lillian Rae Masters
 7-13-1958 Joe Don Wise
 Carmen Carl VanHorn
 10-12-1958 Franklin Young
 1-11-1959 Carol Ann Wise
 2- 1-1959 Linda Ann Pell
 Gail Lorraine Rector
 3-29-1959 Maxine Velva Wolf
 John L. Means
 4-17-1960 Virginia Salter
 Janice Kay Salter
 Jean Ann Salter
 John Alan Salter
 Dorothy Eccles
 Cynthia Kay Eccles
 4-14-1963 Laverne Wolfe
 Jerry Wolfe
 Joe Mattox
 Donnetta Kay Mattox
 4-10-1966 Karl Salo
 Marie Salo
 Juanita Brooks
 Bruce Frost
 Lee Ann Wise
 1- 4-1970 David Lee Bailey
 Donna Rector

